

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants amend the cross-reference to related applications pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 365(c).

References to hyperlinks in the specification have been amended to provide instead a description of the organization hosting the relevant web sites.

The blanks left in the specification for the biological deposit accession number have been completed by amendment. Support for these amendments may be found in the letter from the ATCC, a copy of which is filed herewith, noting the patent deposit designation for the deposited strain.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants cancel claims 1 - 56 and add new claims 57 - 75 by amendment herein.

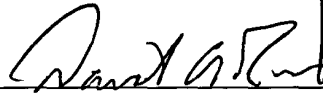
Support for the claims newly added may be found throughout the specification, including the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 57 - 75, all of the claims now pending, are in good and proper form for allowance, and respectfully request the same.

If the Examiner believes that any issues remain outstanding, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned for a telephonic discussion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure:

1) A copy of the letter from ATCC documenting original deposit of a plasmid containing 4 cDNA fragments of Human GTP-RHO binding protein 2 pursuant to the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.